

Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 11/05/2020 – 11/10/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS DENOTE NEW/CHANGED INFORMATION

General Situation/Overview:

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily. Friday's planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count 11/10/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	6081	5220
Deaths**	128	63

*Confirmed: positive test result. **Deaths: BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death

City Case Count 11/04/2020	April OFM Population	# of Cases
Pasco	77,100	4610
Mesa	495	121
Connell	5,500	380
Kahlotus	165	<10
Eltopia	-	60
Kennewick	84,960	3558
Richland	58,550	1355
West Richland	15,710	334
Benton City	3,560	239
Prosser	6220	485
Plymouth	-	19
Paterson	-	12
Not Specified	-	123

Current Hospital Status 11/10/2020 M-F		COVID Like Illness = CLI	
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	338	33	9.8

Case Locations of Interest 11/10/20	
	# of Cases
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	586
Please visit Washington State Department of Corrections site for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. (https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm)	

OPERATIONS SECTION:

OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA: Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.

- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak as described in the 10/1/20 Washington Outbreak report – click link below for report
- <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/StatewideCOVID-19OutbreakReport.pdf>
 - General Business Community - 10
 - Long Term Care Facilities - 8
 - HealthCare Settings – 8
 - Childcare Settings – 1
 - Schools – 2
 - Investigating possible outbreaks from Halloween Parties and a Golf Tournament

- 351 new confirmed cases over the weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday), 241 cases in Benton and 110 cases in Franklin. on Monday 11/09/20 there were 194 new confirmed cases, 145 in Benton and 49 in Franklin. Daily case totals can be found on the BFHD website data dashboard
<https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&pageId=16584954>

- COVID Vaccine planning workgroup, comprised of representatives from BHFD, Hospitals, and Emergency Management meet on Mondays to discuss plans for vaccine dissemination in the Benton Franklin area once the vaccine has been released. Washington state DOH has a provide a COVID Vaccine plan you can access the Washington Interim COVID Vaccination plan here
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/WA-COVID-19-Vaccination-Plan.pdf>
- You can also find helpful information on the COVID Vaccine from CDC website
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

- There have been several reports from schools on individuals (student/staff) who are COVID positive and have been in class or at school, BFHD and the schools are working closely to determine if there are any “outbreaks” as defined by DOH: 1. Two or more laboratory positive (PCR) COVID-19 cases, AND 2. At least two of the cases have symptom on set dates within 14 days of each other, AND 3. Plausible epidemiological evidence of transmission in a shared location other than a household is observed
- Visit each individual school district website for current information on hybrid learning schedules, safety plans and COVID-19 Activity Dashboards

CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:

- Care Coordination team connects people in Isolation or quarantine to the services they need to stay isolated. This may be providing a Walgreens Hygiene kit or a Kroger Food box or connecting them with rent assistance, grocery or prescription delivery or other services. With the increasing case count Care Coordination is averaging about 20 case referrals per day.
- Contact Tracing team has been busier than usual as it appears, we are seeing a bit of a “Fall surge” in cases which translates into more workload for the contact tracers and for all other teams as well

COMMUNITY TESTING:

- To date, the National Guard at the HAPO Center testing site has administered ***17,875 COVID tests**. Testing numbers are as follows: Thursday 11/5 –147, Friday 11/7- 68, Tuesday 11/10 -287
*this total includes #'s from when Toyota Center test site was operational as well)
- HAPO Test Site Hours of Operations –Tuesday - Friday from 7:00am- 3:00pm
- The HAPO test site will be CLOSED in Observance of Veteran’s Day on Wednesday Nov. 11th
- The HAPO test site will be CLOSED in Observance of Thanksgiving on Nov 25th and 26th

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBC-West Test Site: To date the site has administered 9,906 COVID tests. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 11/5 -696, Friday 11/6 - 403, Saturday 11/7 -454, Sunday 11/8- 385, Monday 11/9 – 756
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBC-West Test Site Hours of Operations –Thursday through Monday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. <u>ONLINE REGISTRATION</u> is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Click the link to be taken to the registration page www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positivity rate for the CBC West Test Site is 14.06% and the positivity rate for the HAPO test Site is 12.77%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In August, the Federal government purchased 150 million antigen rapid Point-of-care (POC) COVID tests called BinaxNOW Covid-19 AG Card. Washington State was allocated 2.5 million of these and BFHD has received 6400 of these rapid test kits from the state. The intent is to provide these kits to schools, critical infrastructure, and other priority areas in Benton and Franklin County. To receive the kits an agency must complete a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 test is a lateral flow test that detects the presence of protein antigens from SARS-CoV-2 in individuals suspected of COVID-19 by their healthcare provider within the first seven days of symptom onset. This U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)- authorized diagnostic test does not require any instrumentation to test the samples and instead determines a COVID-19 negative or positive result using a test card. This test has been authorized only for the detection of the nucleocapsid protein antigen from SARS-CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens. BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) can be found here. https://www.fda.gov/media/141570/download
<p>COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION: Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW DATA DASHOARD – check out the new data dashboard on the BFHD website https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&pageId=16584954
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call center received 138 calls last week
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BFHD with the assistance of the cities and counties will be completed another mask compliance survey within our community – the survey was conducted over the weekend at 12 locations at the following types of stores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grocery stores ○ Home Improvement/Hardware ○ General Retail ○ Sports/Outdoor Recreation ○ Convenience Store/Gas Stations • The purpose of the survey was to provide a snapshot of mask compliance to inform future community messaging
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH and Coronavirus Response Joint Information Center (JIC) telebriefing update - The message from this briefing was clear and strong that DOH and Local health jurisdictions are “very concerned if not alarmed” with the rising case counts across both Eastern and Western Washington. Dr Kathy Lofy, reported “we are seeing accelerated growth over the past 2 weeks with the highest numbers we have ever had, this increase is wide spread and not due to an increase in testing but a real increase in disease”. The message was very clear our behaviors will determine the trajectory of this disease and if we do not take control and limit our actions, holiday gatherings, increase mask wearing and social distancing that additional intervention measures may have to be taken to control the spread of the virus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH launches Phase One of a statewide COVID Vaccine ad campaign. The campaign uses 60-second spots on the following media: TV, radio, digital audio channels like Spotify, podcasts, Facebook, Instagram, OTT (Roku- AppleTV), digital pre-roll, across online ad networks. To access all campaign materials as they go live, visit https://coronavirus.wa.gov/partner-toolkit.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BFHD updates Website Twitter and Facebook daily

LOGISTICS:

PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of PPE vendors the state uses to procure PPE items https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/ContractingPurchasing/covid19/Vendors.pdf
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are curious to know how much PPE each county has received from the state you can find that information here https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply both the HAPO Testing Site and CBC-West Testing Site with PPE as needed/requested
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply the school districts/schools with emergency PPE supplies. Emergency Management can provide small amounts of PPE on an as needed emergency basis for schools. School Districts should coordinate long term PPE needs/projections with ESD123
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves. PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than 10:00am every Friday or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week. Benton – d.davis@bces.wa.gov Franklin – sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us

DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:

RECURRING ACTIVITIES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday and Friday Planning meeting at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday and Friday at 5:00 dissemination of BFHD Incident Action Plan released – Tuesday IAP will cover Wednesday-Friday and the Friday IAP will cover Saturday-Tuesday.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call – next meetings are November 17th, December 1st
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unified Situational Report (SitRep) dissemination once weekly - Wednesday only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic/EMS/EM coordination call via ZOOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Wednesday at 1:30pm – Call with local agricultural partners. This call has ended. It will be restarted next year prior to the growing season. Ag partners will be kept engaged via email through the winter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555# the next regular scheduled meeting falls on Veterans day – November 11th therefore that meeting date will be canceled and the regular meeting will resume on November 25th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council – next meetings are November 12th, November 26th meeting will be canceled (Thanksgiving), December 10th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Thursday at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Central and Eastern WA Counties meeting to discuss farmworkers and H2A Housing community's information/concerns/coordination
FUTURE OPERATIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID vaccine planning

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue planning efforts in preparation for when the governor releases restrictions on movements between the phases of the safe start plan. Planning for a Phase 3 request for our area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu vaccination - communicating the importance of receiving a flu shot this year
<u>CURRENT RISKS:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rising case counts and an uptick in COVID hospitalizations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School re-opening across the two counties – monitoring for outbreaks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu season and recognition of Flu vs. COVID
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holiday Season/ get together and the impact on COVID disease rate in our community

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- REDI Healthcare Coalition: <https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei->

DISTRIBUTED TO:

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff
Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies
WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer
Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer
Cross Border: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons